

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-10 are pending.

Claims 1-9 are cancelled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has withdrawn the allowability of claim 2 in view of the newly discovered reference to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0036779 to Kiyoi, et al.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0036779 to Kiyoi, et al.

Amendments

Claim 10 has been amended to advance the prosecution and more distinctly claim the inventive subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Applicants' Reply

Applicants respectfully traverse the prior art rejections of claims 10.

Anticipation requires that “each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” MPEP § 2131; *Verdegall Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

As amended, independent claim 10 recites absolute orientation means that furnishes said position of the collimation target to a model coordinate system acquired by the mutual orientation so as to convert into the ground coordinate system, wherein the conversion is made by giving three-dimensional coordinate values measured on the ground to points on the

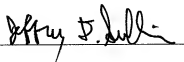
image. Kiyoi does not disclose or suggests the absolute orientation means that furnishes said position of the collimation target to a model coordinate system acquired by the mutual orientation so as to convert into the ground coordinate system, wherein the conversion is made by giving three-dimensional coordinate values measured on the ground to points on the image as claimed.

Consequently, Kiyoi does not disclose or suggest each feature recited in amended claim 10. Applicant therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC 102 (b) in view of Kiyoi be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claim 10 is in condition for allowance. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge payment of the three month extension fee to Deposit Account No. 02 4377. Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is required in connection with the submission of this document, but Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 02 4377.

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